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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 13 June 1952, the barracks installation south of the village of Frohnau, west of Annaberg (N 51/K 73), was occupied by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, a penal unit of about 100 men with about 200 dogs. About 180 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets organized into groups armed with rifles and equipped with gas masks were engaged in combat training in the training area south of the installation. Trucks were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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2. On 17 June, the Mehnert factory on Parkstrasse, Annaberg, was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops, who were either unarmed or had small arms, were seen engaged in drill or athletic activities.

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3. On 15 June, the boys' school at the intersection of Voigt Strasse and Michaelis Stollen was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 20 uniformed women. Twenty-four troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen practicing with signal flags, and 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received firing training with rifles. During a two days observation period, only vehicles were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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4. On 10 June, about 85 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets in prone position with and without support practiced firing with rifles at practice targets at a distance of 150 meters, and fired volleys at stationary targets at a distance of 150 meters. On 12 June, 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets closed in on a fortified position and practiced close combat with fixed bayonets. Twenty-four officers fired with pistols at stationary targets at a distance of 25 meters, and fired at least 200 rounds. Source determined a total of 31 hits on the target after the officers had left. (1)

5. On 7 June, Restricted Area I in Auerbach (N 51/K 32) was occupied by about 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, predominantly with artillery or motor transport insignia, but also including some with signal or engineer insignia.

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The troops were seen engaged in athletic activities and drill at platoon level as well as firing with rifles, submachine guns and machine guns in the woods behind the installation. [REDACTED]

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6. On 7 June, the Restricted Area II in Auerbach was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Numerous trucks were seen in the barracks yard during the preceding days and four companies, each of about 150 soldiers armed with rifles, submachine guns and light machine guns, heavy machine guns and 82-mm mortars were seen on 3 June. A band played in the barracks yard on 7 June. [REDACTED]

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7. On 5 June, the barracks installation on either side of Lenin Strasse in Annaberg was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Fifty officers and 340 soldiers were seen engaged in firing with rifles, drilling and athletic activities at platoon level on the drilling ground. Two companies each of about 150 troops marched out of the installation.
8. On 5 June, the installation at the intersection of Lenin Strasse and Lessing Strasse was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. No activity was noticed in the installation.
9. On 5 June, the boys' school at the intersection of Voigt Strasse and Michaelis Stollen in Annaberg was only partially occupied by a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Ammunition boxes were piled up in the barracks yard. Five empty trucks stood nearby. Only few men were noticed in the installation.
10. On 5 June, the former Mehnert factory on Parkstrasse, Annaberg, was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Four groups, each of about 150 troops, entered the installation where about 100 soldiers had been noticed. (1)
11. On 4 June, the Kleine Kaserne in Aue (N 51/K 53) south of the road to Schneeberg was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 30 officers and 200 soldiers drilled at platoon level under the supervision of a major in the barracks yard. Another 150 soldiers entered the installation under the command of another major. Two colonels, 1 lieutenant colonel, 5 majors, 40 other officers and 200 troops were seen in the installation.
12. On 4 June, the Hochhaus on the Aue-Schneeberg road appeared to be occupied by a headquarters which source believed was responsible for the entire area. About 40 to 50 officers, including 4 colonels, 2 lieutenant colonels, 6 majors and about 50 soldiers, wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, motor transport, signal or engineer insignia were noticed in the installation. Uniformed women also were seen. [REDACTED]

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12. On 4 June, the Neue Kaserne south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg road was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 20 percent with artillery or motor transport insignia. Fifteen officers, including 2 majors, and 350 soldiers left the installation on busses or trucks. One major and 150 soldiers entered the installation. Other troops were seen engaged in athletics and marching at platoon level with full pack.

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14. During the period from 16 to 20 June, the former Kutscher factory in Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52), north of the railroad station, was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The unit occupied an old factory building, a new barracks building, a villa for officers' billets, a new garage, two sheds and a dog kennel. At 11 a.m. on 16 June, a lieutenant and 36 soldiers, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and were armed with submachine guns and rifles, left the installation in the direction of Bernsgruen, carrying targets. They were followed by 38 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets who were commanded by a lieutenant colonel, were equipped with rifles, field equipment and entrenching tools and had five dogs. They marched in the direction of Gruenstaedt. Thirty soldiers were engaged in athletics at the installation. On 18 June, 100 soldiers drilled with rifles at squad level, while 52 armed with rifles entered the installation from the direction of Gruenstaedt.

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15. During the period from 16 to 20 June, the installation south of the Oberschlema (N 51/K 43) - Aue road, about 750 meters east of Oberschlema, was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets with about 30 dogs. Two buildings, 1 apartment house for officers, 3 garages and 2 kennels with a total of 32 compartments were in the barracks area. Forty soldiers were engaged in athletic activities, while 120 men were noticed in the barracks yard.

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16. On 19 June, the installation west of the Schneeberg-Wildbach road, about 1,200 meters south of Wildbach, was occupied by about 120 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Two barracks buildings, 1 kitchen building, 1 garage and 1 shed were seen in the barracks area.

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17. On 16 June, the barracks installation about 1,250 meters southwest of the Niederschlema railroad station was occupied by about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Four barracks buildings, 1 supply building, 2 low-wooden buildings and 1 garage were seen in the barracks area.

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18. On 20 June, the installation on the Niederschlema-Aue road, about 750 meters southeast of the Niederschlema exit was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red bordered black epaulets. Four barracks buildings, 1 administrative building and 3 garages were seen in the barracks area. No training or motor vehicle traffic was noticed. (5)

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19. On 12 June, the AAA emplacement north of Dimitroff Strasse, east of Glockenklanger Weg, Johannegeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51) was occupied by about 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A total of six 37-mm AA guns was noticed. Thirty to 40 men were seen drilling on four guns and firing with live ammunition with rifles in the area north of the emplacement. (7)
20. On 18 June, the quartering area A of the Neue Kaserne on Eibenstocker and Dimitroff Strasse was occupied by 100 to 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, while quartering area B was occupied by about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 80 to 100 soldiers were seen engaged in drill with rifles and practicing close-combat with fixed bayonets in the area north of the installation. Vehicles [redacted] were seen entering or leaving the installation. (7) 25X1
21. On 4 June, the former Kutscher factory north of the Schwarzenberg railroad station was occupied by a unit wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The main building was fully lighted at dusk, while the two depots were 50 percent lighted at night. A three-story factory building, about 50 x 30 meters, a three-story store house of somewhat larger size and a three-story store house which was somewhat smaller were seen in the barracks area. Thirty soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets daily marched out of the installation for firing with live ammunition with rifles and machine guns in the area near Fuerstenbrunn during the preceding days. [redacted] 25X1
22. During the period from 1 to 5 June, an emplacement of 5 to 6 heavy AA guns, a shed with 10 doors, and an underground quartering building mounting a number of antennas was observed at the hill north of the Schwarzenberg railroad station and northeast of the Sachsenfeld suburb. (4)

## [redacted] Comments.

- (1) For location of the installations in Annaberg, see the sketch [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The information on the occupation of the Annaberg-Frohnau barracks installation, the Vehmert factory, the boys' school and the barracks installation on either side of Lenin Strasse checks with previous information. 25X1
- [redacted] The installation at the intersection of Lenin Strasse and Lessing Strasse, according to an unforwarded sketch belongs to the installation on either side of Lenin Strasse. 25X1
- (2) The present information indicates no changes concerning the occupation in Auerbach. [redacted] The motor vehicle [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] seen in Restricted Areas I and II belong to the 118th MGB Regt stationed there, and those [redacted] belong to a motor transport unit of the First Gds Mezz Army. 25X1
- (3) In March, the same source estimated that the Kleine Kaserne in Aue was occupied by 1,500 soldiers. The service color mentioned indicates an MGB unit. The occupation of the Hochhaus is undetermined. All motor vehicle [redacted] belong to the MGB, and mostly to the unit stationed in Aue. The Neue Kaserne was reportedly occupied by only 1,000 soldiers by the same source in April. The motor vehicle [redacted] there indicate a motor transport unit of the First Gds Mezz Army. 25X1
- (4) In April, the Kutscher factory in Schwarzenberg was reportedly occupied by the same source by between 1,000 and 1,500 soldiers. Thus, the occupation seems to have been greatly reduced. The information by source of paragraph 21 also tends to indicate an only partial occupation. It is undetermined whether elements of the MGB regiment believed stationed in that installation were transferred or were temporarily away from the post. The service color [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] still indicate that MGB elements are stationed there. The

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information in paragraph 22 concerning the AAA emplacement appears credible. Source probably refers to Hill 487, north of the Sachsenfeld town section which on the map with the scale 1:25,000 is indicated as Lehn B.

- (5) In April 1951, another source supplied information on military quarters and occupation in Oberschlema and Niederschlema. The observations contained in the present report could not be compared with that information because of a lack of detailed data on locations.
- (6) The installation south of Wildbach is reported for the first time.
- (7) The AAA emplacement was previously reported. The barracks installation between Eibenstocker Strasse and Dimitroff Strasse had been reportedly occupied by the same number of troops by another source in May. The present information indicates no changes. [REDACTED]

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